CLAIMS

We claim:

1   1.   A method for displaying information to a user,

2   comprising the steps of:

3   displaying a frame border; and

4   incorporating textual and/or graphical data within said

5   frame border.

1   2.   The method of claim 1, said textual and/or graphical

2   data displaying to said user information with respect to the

3   content of said border.

1   3.   The method of claim 1, said textual and/or graphical

2   data displaying to said user information identifying said

3   border as a frame border which can be positioned, sized, and

4   opened by said user clicking on or dragging said border.

1   4.   The method of claim 2, said data providing a hotspot

2   for selection by said user to open said frame.

1   5.   The method of claim 4, said hotspot further being

2   selectable by said user to launch an application within said

3   frame.

1   6.   The method of claim 3, further comprising the step

2   responsive to said user clicking on said border of bringing

3   said frame to the forefront.

1   7.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

2   providing to a user at design time a frame properties

3   information box for user definition of frame content.

1   8.   The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of:

2   providing in said frame properties information box for

3   user selection of caption formula and/or text, show

4   parameters, caption alignment, justification, font,

5   size, style, text color and background color.

1   9.   The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of:

2   responsive to user selection of Notes only border

3   captions, displaying to said user a caption edit box

4   for entry of caption text.

1   10.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

2   responsive to creation of a web enabled frame border,

3   disabling border captioning.

1   11.   System for displaying information to a user,

2   comprising:

3   a frame border for indicating the presence of a frame

4   with content; and

5   textual and/or graphical data presented within said

6   frame border.

1   12.   The system of claim 11, said textual and/or graphical

2   data displaying to said user information with respect to the

3   content of said border.

1   13.   The system of claim 11, said textual and/or graphical

2   data displaying to said user information identifying said

3   border as a frame border which can be positioned, sized, and

4   opened by said user clicking on said border.

1   14.   The system of claim 12, said data providing a hotspot

2   for selection by said user to open said frame.

1   15.   The system of claim 14, said hotspot further being

2   selectable by said user to launch an application within said

3   frame.

1   16.   The system of claim 13, said hotspot being responsive

2   to said user clicking on said border of bringing said frame

3   to the forefront.

1   17.   The system of claim 11, further comprising:

2   a frame properties information box for user definition

3   of frame content at frame design.

1   18.   The system of claim 17, further comprising:

2   said frame properties information box further providing

3   for user selection of caption formula, show parameters,

4   caption alignment, justification, font, size, style,

5   text color and background color.

1   19.   The system of claim 18, further comprising:

2   responsive to user selection of Notes only border

3 captions, a caption edit box for entry of caption text.

1 20. The system of claim 11, further comprising:

2 control responsive to creation of a web enabled frame

3 border for disabling border captioning.

1 21. A program storage device readable by a machine,

2 tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a

3 machine to perform method steps for displaying information

4 to a user, said method steps comprising:

5 displaying a frame border; and

6 incorporating textual and/or graphical data within said

7 frame border.

1 22. The program storage device of claim 21, said textual

2 and/or graphical data displaying to said user information

3 with respect to the content of said border.

1 23. The program storage device of claim 21, said textual

2 and/or graphical data displaying to said user information

3 identifying said border as a frame border which can be

4 positioned, sized, and opened by said user clicking on said

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5   border.

1   24.   The program storage device of claim 22, said data

2   providing a hotspot for selection by said user to open said

3   frame.

1   25.   The program storage device of claim 24, said hotspot

2   further being selectable by said user to launch an

3   application within said frame.

1   26.   The program storage device of claim 23, said method

2   steps further comprising the step responsive to said user

3   clicking on said border of bringing said frame to the

4   forefront.

1   27.   The program storage device of claim 21, said method

2   steps further comprising the step of:

3   providing to a user at design time a frame properties

4   information box for user definition of frame content.

1   28.   The program storage device of claim 27, said method

2   steps further comprising the step of:

3   providing in said frame properties information box for

4   user selection of caption formula, show parameters,

5   caption alignment, justification, font, size, style,

6   text color and background color.

1   29. The program storage device of claim 28, said method

2   steps further comprising the step of:

3   responsive to user selection of Notes only border

4   captions, displaying to said user a caption edit box

5   for entry of caption text.

1   30. The program storage device of claim 21, said method

2   steps further comprising the step of:

3   responsive to creation of a web enabled frame border,

4   disabling border captioning.

1   31. A computer program product or computer program element

2   displaying information to a user according to method steps

3   comprising:

4   displaying a frame border; and

5   incorporating textual and/or graphical data within said

      frame border.